(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to export raw cotton and yarn;

(d) whether Government have initiated steps to arrest the rise in cotton prices during the year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) In the wake of a spurt in cotton prices, the Government has advised the Cotton Corporation of India (CO) to suspend its purchases for some time.

(c) The Government has an export policy on raw cotton under which 5 lakh bales of cotton are released at the beginning of the cotton season and subsequent releases are made after assessing the price .situation and domestic availability. The Govern, ment has permitted export of cotton yarn to the extent of 100 million kgs. for the year 1994, in addition to exports made under the Export Obligation Scheme and under the Advance Licensing Scheme.

(d) and (e) The Government took the following measures to arrest the spurt in cotton prices: —

(i) Decision to permit duty-free import of cotton upto 5 lakh bales of sptnning mills;

(ii) Stoppage of unutilised export quota of cotton out of 5 lakh bales of cotton released for export daring 1393-94;

(iii) Suspension -of export on 9th February, 1994, in respect .of the quantity of cotton already contracted for export but not yet shipped

(iv) Renitroduction of Selective Credit Controls on cotton:

(v) Request the .State Governments to take steps to check Warding of cotton; and

(vi) Arrange 'for supply of hank yam by spinning mills at prices which are at least Rs. S.OO per kg. lower than January, 1994 prices.

Telephones sanctioned from MPs Quota

'228. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SA. MANTARAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to to state:

(a) what is the circle-wise number of telephones recommended /sanctioned on out-of-turn basis from the quota (National|Constituency) of M.Ps, but not installed so far;

(b) what action Government contemplate to check intentional negligence, if any; and

(c) what is the prescribed time limit needed by installing authorities to provide such telephone connections after due sanction is accorded by the competent authority?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE OF THE MNISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The required information is given in the Statement. (See below).

Co) Sir, there is no intentional negligence. Any delay installation is clu- to the following reasons:.— .

— Further clarifleatons have to be sought from the honourable MP] registrant in respect of registers-. tion details.

— There is no spare capacity in the exchange from where the connection is to be given.

— There is difficulty in connecting the premiss where telephone is to be provided to the exchange due to shortage of cable pairs. The technically non-feasible cases periodically monitored until they become. feasible.

(c) Telephones are to be installed within 30 days from the date of sanction subject to tchnical feasibility and observance of departmental formalities.

Statement

Circle-wise details of he Telephone connections sanctioned against MP quota but not yet installed

CIRCLES	
ANDHRA PRADESH	1040
ASSAM	75
BIHAR	120
GUJARAT	701
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	32
KERALA	58
KARNATAKA	410
MADHYA PRADESH	63
MAHARASHTRA	185
ORISSA	145
HARYANA	143
HIMACHAL PRADESH	5
PUNJAB	388
RAJASTHAN	580
NORTH EASTERN	49
TAMIL NADU	1017
UTTAR PRADESH	254
WEST BENGAL	190
DISTRICTS (METRO)	
CALCUTTA	429
MADRAS	716
DELHI	306
BOMBAY	21

स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर द्वारा रुग्ण उद्योगों को ऋण दिया जाना

*229. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 26 जुलाई, 1993 के "व्यापार" में "स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर का एक अरब रुपया बीमार उद्योगों में अटका" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन रुग्ण उद्योगों/कंपनियों के खाते किन-किन शाखाओं में खोले गए हैं ;

(ग) ऋण स्वीकृत करने वाले अधिकारियों की क्या जवाबदेही नियत की गई है ; और

(घ) स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इन्दौर में इस तरह के घपलों को रोकने के लिए क्या सुधारात्मक उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इन्दौर ने सूचित किया है कि 31 दिसम्बर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार 9,870 रुग्ण एकक थे, जिनमें 123.65 करोड़ रुपए की बकाया धनराशि अंतर्गस्त है । बैंकों में प्रचलित प्रथाओं तथा रीति रिवाजों और सरकारी क्षेत्र के बैंकों को नियंत्रित करने वाले कानूनों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार, बैंकों के व्यक्तिगत संघटकों के संबंध में सूचना प्रकट नहीं की जा सकती है।

(ग) मुकदमा दायर करने का अनुमोदन करने, समझौता प्रस्तावों को स्वीकार करने अथवा देय रकमों को बट्टेखाते डालने से पूर्व, बैंक द्वारा हमेशा स्टाफ की जिम्मेदारी की जांच की जाती है ।